

**Introduced by Senator Lowenthal**

February 21, 2006

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An act to add Section 4098.6 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to suicide prevention.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1356, as introduced, Lowenthal. Suicide prevention: report to Legislature.

Existing law, the California Suicide Prevention Act of 2000, authorizes the State Department of Mental Health to establish and implement a suicide prevention, education, and gatekeeper training program to reduce the severity, duration, and incidence of suicidal behaviors.

This bill would require the department to include a discussion of suicide prevention in its reports to the Legislature on mental health issues.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 4098.6 is added to the Welfare and
- 2     Institutions Code, to read:
- 3     4098.6. The department shall include a discussion of suicide
- 4     prevention in its reports to the Legislature on mental health
- 5     issues.

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